

## Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP)

- **EPP Best Practices Manual**
  - 32 chapters are now online to provide guidance to State consumers on how to select environmentally preferable products.
- **EPP Training**
  - 185 State purchasing officials attended training in 3 California cities to learn about the process and benefits of EPP.
- **California Gold Sustainable Carpet Standard**
  - On May 15, a management memo was issued, establishing California's new sustainable carpet standard and mandating that all carpet purchases after August 31, 2006, meet this standard.
  - The standard includes requirements for recycled content, low emissions, and end-of-life recycling.
- **Full-time EPP Coordinator Hired**
  - DGS has hired a full-time EPP coordinator in its Procurement Division.
  - The EPP Task Force will join the coordinator in greening of both *new* State contracts and *existing* contracts that are up for renewal.
- **EPP Standards Development**
  - Four National EPP Standards are under development:
    - Carpet
    - Furniture
    - Textiles
    - Recycled Paint